

ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL E-NEWS

MARCH 14, 2019

MEGAN HAS QUALIFIED TO COMPETE IN THE STATE GEOGRAPHY BEE!



Congratulations to our eighth grade student Megan who will represent our school at the State Geography Bee sponsored by National Geographic. The State Bee will be held in Jacksonville on March 29. Megan qualified by first winning our school Geography Bee and then by achieving a high test score on the state written test that determines what students can participate. Congratulations Megan and we wish you the best of luck!



Thank You For Supporting Our Gala!

The students of Ascension are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated to our Gala through your time, talent and financial support!

Thank you to our parishoners, parents, grandparents and friends. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship. Thank you for all you did to make our Gala wonderful!

ATHLETICS NEWS FROM COACH AMICO

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- ◆ We take a break from all sports next week to relax and enjoy Spring Break. When we get back Volleyball will play at St. Teresa's on Monday and then at home on Tuesday the 26th.
- ◆ K-5 Flag football resumes March 30th at HNJ.
- ◆ Go Eagles!



NOON DISMISSAL
Friday, March 15th
Aftercare is open but there is **NO HOT LUNCH.**
If your child is staying, you must pack them a lunch.



SPRING BREAK
MARCH 18-22
Aftercare is closed all week.

We wish all of you a restful and fun break! Please join us in praying for the safety all of our families who travel next week.

SPRING PICTURE DAYS ARE COMING!

For our Spring pictures, the students dress in either Sunday best or spring casual attire.

ALL NUT DAY RULES APPLY.



The background scene for our spring pictures is a Chevron gray and white theme.

Please pay special attention to the schedule as we split the grades up due to field trip plans.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Grades

PK3, VPK, K, 1st and 6th

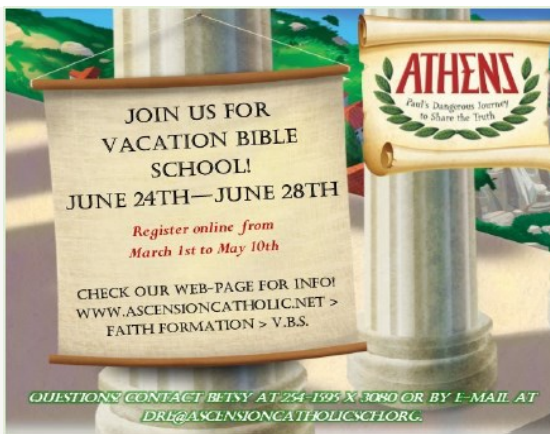
FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Grades

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th



Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent
5:30pm in Church



RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

Register your returning student by March 22nd to secure their spot!

To register your returning student, please log into your ParentsWeb account. Our current students have the first option for available seats in our classrooms. Once the deadline for returning students to register has past, we begin accepting students from new families.

VERY IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ March 15: Noon Dismissal
- ◆ March 18 through 22: Spring Break
- ◆ March 22: Registration packets are due, submit online
- ◆ March 28 and 29: Spring Picture Days - see schedule
- ◆ April 18 through 22: Easter Break
- ◆ April 21: Easter Sunday

Embrace Lent As A Family

LITURGICAL SEASONS ARE MORE THAN COUNTDOWNS TO UPCOMING HOLIDAYS, they are an invitation for introspection to examine our habits, faith practices and walk a little closer with Jesus. With the upcoming season of Lent, it is important not only to engage our children in conversations, rites and rituals, but to demonstrate how the season can have restorative and transformative power on us as families.

Suggested Activities for Families During the Lenten Season:

Go to Confession as a Family: Your child is most likely going to have opportunities for reconciliation in school during the Lenten season, but modeling the significance of Lent by going as a family sends a powerful message to children that it is a special time in the Church year.

Set a Family Lenten Goal: Often we focus on what to “give up” for Lent, which is a great practice to teach the habit of sacrifice, but think about what spiritual goals you can set as a family during this time. It can be something simple like praying together on the way to school or cleaning out your closets and donating all of the things you don’t need to charity. No matter the goal, being intentional by explaining to children how these small acts connect to their faith reinforces the notion of family being the domestic church.

Celebrate Saints: Lent is a time for penance and reflection but there are some exciting saints to celebrate during the season. Don’t forget to show the joy of the Catholic faith by engaging in special activities for St. Patrick’s Day and the Feast of St. Joseph. Make sure you share the stories of the saints with your children and not just the secular aspects of the holidays. Incorporate prayer into your celebrations and make special intercessions as a family part of the celebration.

Connect with a Church Community: Chances are your parish has a whole host of activities planned for Lent that you can engage in. If you haven’t been to church in a while or don’t belong to one, Lent is a great time to go back or consider checking out local parishes.

Care for the Poor: Children benefit greatly from exposing them to larger world views than their own home or school. Catholic Relief Services provides free



projects, recipes and prayers for families during Lent. There also is no shortage of need in your local area. Find a charity or cause you are passionate about and find a way to help as a family. www.csricebowl.org/families

Let Your Children Take the Lead: Parents can empower children as faith leaders by giving them some guidelines, but allowing them to decide what projects, goals or prayers to pursue. Encourage your children to come up with a Lenten plan for your family and then put it in a place where everyone is reminded of it. You may be surprised what they come up with and the exercise teaches them that you trust them to be leaders in the household.

Evangelize and Connect: If you have older children with social media accounts, consider having them curate images, prayers and posts that you can both share online. Your posts may provide an inspiration to another family and be a bright light among all of the negative media that is out there.

These are just a few ideas, but there are a multitude of free resources for parents and families to grow together in faith during the Lenten season. Denise Utter, president of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) recommends a great place to start by visiting www.catholicfamily.org/lent. Do you have inspiring ideas to share? Tag @NCEATALK on Twitter or @NCEAorg on Facebook to show us how your family’s Lenten journey is going.